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NATURAL RESOURCES**

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September 8, 2023

The Honorable Bernard Dean
Chief Clerk of the House
338B Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Sarah Bannister
Secretary of the Senate
312 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Clerk Dean and Secretary Bannister:

Please accept the enclosed report, submitted on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources ("Department"), as directed by the Legislature in the 2021-2023 Operating Budget (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092). Section 310 (8) of the bill directs the Department to submit monthly updates of fire suppression costs incurred, and the number and type of wildfires suppressed, to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature and the Office of Financial Management.

For June 2023, there were 31 classified fires recorded. Total fire cost to the department for the month of June was \$33.5 million. Estimated costs for all funds in FY 2023 are \$152.96 million. This puts us under the current GF-S/Disaster allotment and Supplemental Budget by \$406,611 and all other appropriations by \$2.3 million.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-764-0013 or Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian Considine
Legislative Director
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report - Monthly Fire Suppression Report (June 2023)

cc: Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Members of the House Appropriations Committee
Members of the House Capital Budget Committee

Members of the House Environment & Energy Committee
Members of the Senate Environment, Energy, & Technology Committee
Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee
Office of Financial Management

Department of Natural Resources
Emergency Fire Suppression Report for Fiscal Year 2023
Executive Summary for June 2023

This report summarizes Fiscal Year 2023 fire activity, actual expenditures compared to allotments.

June

According to the FIRES Summary report, we show 31 classified fires for the month of June.

Fire Suppression Costs For the Month of June

Total fire cost to DNR in the month of June is \$33.5 million.

Fire Suppression Cost for Fiscal Year through June

Total fire cost for months through June is \$152.96 million.

Estimated total costs for FY 2023 compared to FY 2023 Allotments.

Estimated costs for FY 2023 for all funds are \$152.96 million. This puts us under our current appropriation of GF-S/Disaster allotment and the Supplemental Budget by \$403,611 and all other appropriations by \$2.3 million.

Adjustments to FY 2023 Allotments

Allotments for FY23 were adjusted to account for FY23 funding that was used in FY22 for biennial appropriated funds. Disaster (05H/3A0) was reduced from 8,025,000 to 3,511,192, General Fund Federal (001/020) spending authority was reduced from 10,000,000 to 0, and General Fund Local (001/500) spending authority was reduced from 417,000 to 41,076. Additional general Fund Federal and General Fund Local spending authority is being requested in the FY 2023 supplemental budget request.

Fire name or Category	Jurisdictional Agencies	DNR COST AS OF JUNE 2023 (FM24, FY23)					DNR TOTAL COST FOR FY2023					
		DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund Actuals	General Fund Federal Actuals	General Fund Local Actuals	Landowner Contingency Fund Actuals	CUMULATIVE ACTUALS	GFS/Disaster Fund ACTUALS + ESTIMATED COST	GFS/Disaster Fund OBLIGATED COST	DNR General Fund State/ Disaster Fund FY TOTAL COST	General Fund Federal Estimate	General Fund Local Estimate	Landowner Contingency Fund Estimate
Type 2 Fires												
VANTAGE HIGHWAY (COST SHARE)	DNR/BLM	7,398,885				7,398,885	7,398,885		7,398,885			7,398,885
COW CANYON	DNR	4,505,031				4,505,031	4,505,031		4,505,031			4,505,031
WHITE RIVER (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	(103,750)	2,178,643			2,074,894	(103,750)		(103,750)	2,178,643		2,074,894
NORTH FORK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	1,735,514	738,441			2,473,955	1,735,514		1,693,218	738,441		2,473,955
BOULDER MOUNTAIN (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	12,073,633	207,453			12,281,086	12,073,633		12,073,633	207,453		12,281,086
BOLT CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	6,949,889	2,628,425			9,578,314	6,949,889		6,949,889	2,628,425		9,578,314
LOCH KATRINE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	2,172,280				2,172,280	2,172,280		2,172,280			2,172,280
NAKIA CREEK (COST SHARE)	DNR/WSP	6,707,802				6,707,802	6,707,802		6,707,802			6,707,802
Total Type 2 Fires		41,439,285	5,752,962	-	-	47,192,247	41,439,285	-	41,396,989	5,752,962	-	47,192,247
Type 3 Fires												
STAYMAN FLATS	DNR	833,486				833,486	833,486		833,486			833,486
WILLIAMS LAKE (COST SHARE)	DNR/ WSP	2,214,806				2,214,806	2,214,806		2,214,806			2,214,806
SUIATTLE RIVER (COST SHARE)	DNR/ USFS	325,859	35,050			360,908	325,859		325,859	35,050		360,908
SEVEN BAYS	DNR	1,985,620				1,985,620	1,985,620		1,985,620			1,985,620
8 ROAD	DNR	1,128,877				1,128,877	1,128,877		1,128,877			1,128,877
BLACK HOLE	DNR	220,726				220,726	220,726		220,726			220,726
CHINOOK (PI222)	DNR	106			699,603	699,710	106		106		699,603	699,710
SHANNON LAKE	DNR	414,814				414,814	414,814		414,814			414,814
SUTHERLAND (JUNE INCIDENT)	DNR	2,539,371				2,539,371	2,539,371		2,539,371			2,539,371
ROZA CREEK (JUNE INCIDENT) (COSTSHARE)	DNR/ BLM	1,605,779				1,605,779	1,605,779		1,605,779			1,605,779
SILVER STAR (JUNE INCIDENT)	DNR	342,605				342,605	342,605		342,605			342,605
MORAN CREEK (PI222) (JUNE INCIDENT) (COSTSHARE)	DNR/WSP				647,851	647,851					647,851	647,851
Total Type 3 Fires		11,612,049	35,050	-	1,347,455	12,994,553	11,612,049	-	11,612,049	35,050	-	12,994,553
Type 4 and 5 Fires												
Other Agency Incidents		2,867,460	6,051,310			8,919,400	2,867,460		2,867,460	6,051,310		8,919,400
Out of State Fire Dispatches		1,145,156	16,280,090	3,115,123	408	20,540,777	1,145,156		1,145,156	16,280,090	3,115,123	20,540,777
Total		14,147,076	22,331,401	3,115,123	898,364	40,491,963	14,147,076	-	14,147,076	22,331,401	3,115,123	40,491,963
Non-Code Cost												
Reacting to Fire Potential (i.e., False Alarms, standby/staging) PI223/285		35,156,914				35,156,914	35,156,914		35,156,914			35,156,914
Seasonal Firefighters and Engine Cost - PI 288		14,233,307				14,233,307	14,233,307		14,233,307			14,233,307
PI 224: Covid Response (PI224)		39				39	39		39			39
Attorney General projected expenditure						-		230,000	230,000			230,000
Total		52,049,672	-	-	-	52,049,672	52,049,672	230,000	52,279,632	-	-	52,279,632
Total of Fire Costs by Fire Category and Account		119,248,080	28,119,413	3,115,123	2,245,819	152,728,435	119,248,080	230,000	119,435,745	28,119,413	3,115,123	152,958,395
Actuals and Estimates to Allotments												
		GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/3A0)	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds		GFS (001/052) & Disaster (05H/3A0)	GFF (001/020)	GFL (001/500)	LOC* (030/960)	Total - All Funds
FY23 General Fund State Allotment		20,668,000				20,668,000		20,668,000				20,668,000
FY23 Disaster Fund Allotment		3,386,356				3,386,356		3,386,356				3,386,356
FY23 Current Allotments TOTAL		24,054,356		41,076	688,000	24,783,432		24,054,356		41,076	688,000	24,783,432
Projected Costs		119,248,080	28,119,413	3,115,123	2,245,819	152,728,435		119,435,745	28,119,413	3,115,123	2,245,819	152,958,395
FY23 Supplemental Budget		95,785,000	34,408,000	655,760		130,848,760		95,785,000	34,408,000	655,760		130,848,760
Variance		591,276	6,288,587.07	(2,418,287)	(1,557,819)	2,903,757		403,611	6,288,587	(2,418,287)	(1,557,819)	2,716,092
GFF and GFL overspend from FY2022												
									15,891,000	2,190,240		
Administration Costs												
(Will be tracked starting in Fiscal Year 2023, when the new appropriation is available)												
Total												

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FY23 Supplemental Budget Request

Fund	Initial Request (DP)	Nov. Request (for Gov's Budget)	Final Request	December
GFS (001/052) - For FY 2023	\$ 25,697,000	\$ 72,056,478	\$ 95,785,149	\$ 95,785,149
Disaster (05H/3A0) - For FY 2023	\$ -			
GFF (001/020) - For FY 2023	\$ 8,640,000	\$ 15,193,823	\$ 34,407,801	\$ 34,407,801
GFF (001/020) - From FY 2022	\$ 26,251,000	\$ 26,251,000	\$ 15,891,000	\$ 15,891,000
GFL (001/500) - For FY 2023			\$ 655,924	\$ 655,924
GFL (001/500) - From FY 2022	\$ 2,190,000	\$ 2,190,000	\$ 2,190,240	\$ 2,190,240
Totals:	\$ 62,778,000	\$ 113,501,301	\$ 148,930,114	\$ 148,930,114

Comments: In FY 2022 DNR expended \$26,251,000 in GFF and \$2,190,000 in GFL more than anticipated on Suppression activities. DNR is requesting, as part of the Supplemental budget request, spending authority for GFF and GFL to replace the unanticipated GFF and GFL expenditures.

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Note: \$10,360,000 of FY 2023's GFF allotments are included in the FY 2022 \$26,251,000 GFF spending authority request.

